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- 25X1 1. There are mines along the Albanian border at Shen Naum and at Peskopie (Shen Naum) (sic - Peshkop?).
2. Border guard posts are located as follows:
- Qiarishte - Pogradec : 1,000 meters from the border
 - Above Rajc - Pogradec: 1,000 meters from the border
 - Qaf' e Thanës: 1,000 meters from the border
 - Allarup - Pogradec
 - Gorice-Korce: 3 kilometers from the border
3. Border patrols are usually manned by 3 to 5 men. The majority carry German-type arms. Patrols are on duty for 4-hour periods. Each patrol is under the direction of a guide who holds the rank of corporal, and in some cases sergeant. These soldiers are not members of the Sigurimi, but are part of the "People's Defense" (Mbrotjes Popullit).¹ Many of the men on guard often pretend that they do not see border crossers.
- 25X1 October 1951, 19 persons in one group crossed the border into Yugoslavia without trouble.²

25X1 Comments:

- It is not clear whether reference here is to special militia, the Border Guard, or to the regular Army.
- Similar reports have been received indicating that Albanian border guards have been deliberately lax in patrolling the Yugoslav and Greek frontiers

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